

CLAIMS

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2 The invention claimed is:

3 1. A word-forming game for at least two players, comprising:
4 twenty-eight playing pieces.

5 2. The game as defined in claim 1, wherein each playing piece has a
6 front surface;
7 wherein said front surface of each playing piece is for facing one
8 player;
9 wherein each playing piece has a rear surface;
10 wherein said rear surface of each playing piece is for facing an
11 opponent player;
12 wherein each playing piece has a pair of side surfaces;
13 wherein each playing piece has a bottom surface; and
14 wherein said bottom surface of each playing piece is for resting on
15 a playing field.

16 3. The game as defined in claim 2, wherein said front surface of each
17 playing piece is rectangular-shaped;
18 wherein said rear surface of each playing piece is rectangular-
19 shaped;
20 wherein said bottom surface of each playing piece is rectangular-
21 shaped; and
22 wherein each of said side surfaces of each playing piece is
23 triangular-shaped;
24 wherein each of said side surfaces of each playing piece initially
25 abuts against a side surface of an adjacent playing piece;
26 wherein said front surface of each playing piece initially aligns
27 with said front surface of said adjacent playing piece; and

- 1 wherein said rear surface of each playing piece initially aligns
2 with said rear surface of said adjacent playing piece.
- 3 4. The game as defined in claim 2, wherein said front surface of each
4 playing piece has front indicia thereon; and
5 wherein said rear surface of each playing piece has rear indicia
6 thereon.
- 7 5. The game as defined in claim 4, wherein said front indicia of each
8 playing piece are letters of the alphabet; and
9 wherein said rear indicia of each playing piece are letters of the
10 alphabet.
- 11 6. The game as defined in claim 4, wherein said front indicia of each
12 playing piece comprises an uppercase letter and a corresponding
13 lowercase letter therebelow; and
14 wherein said rear indicia of each playing piece comprises an
15 uppercase letter and a corresponding lowercase letter therebelow.
- 16 7. The game as defined in claim 4, wherein said front indicia of a
17 first and twenty-eight playing piece of said twenty-eight playing
18 pieces is a "star"; and
19 wherein said rear indicia of a first and twenty-eight playing piece
20 of said twenty-eight playing pieces is a "star".
- 21 8. The game as defined in claim 4, wherein said front indicia of a
22 second to a twenty-seventh playing piece of said twenty-eight
23 playing pieces are each respective letters of the alphabet in
24 alphabetical order; and
25 wherein said rear indicia of said second to said twenty-seventh
26 playing piece are each also respective letters of the alphabet, but
27 in reverse alphabetical order.

- 1 9. The game as defined in claim 4, wherein said front indicia of a
2 second playing piece of said twenty-eight playing pieces is an upper
3 case and a lower case "A/a"; and
4 wherein said rear indicia of said second playing piece of said
5 twenty-eight playing pieces is an upper case and a lower case "Z/z".
- 6 10. The game as defined in claim 4, wherein said front indicia of a
7 third playing piece of said twenty-eight playing pieces is an upper
8 case and a lower case "B/b"; and
9 wherein said rear indicia of said third playing piece of said
10 twenty-eight playing pieces is an upper case and a lower case "Y/y".
- 11 11. The game as defined in claim 4, wherein said front indicia of a
12 fourth playing piece of said twenty-eight playing pieces is an upper
13 case and a lower case "C/c"; and
14 wherein said rear indicia of said fourth playing piece of said
15 twenty-eight playing pieces is an upper case and a lower case "X/x".
- 16 12. The game as defined in claim 4, wherein said front indicia of a
17 fifth playing piece of said twenty-eight playing pieces is an upper
18 case and a lower case "D/d"; and
19 wherein said rear indicia of said fifth playing piece of said
20 twenty-eight playing pieces is an upper case and a lower case "W/w".
- 21 13. The game as defined in claim 4, wherein said front indicia of a
22 sixth playing piece of said twenty-eight playing pieces is an upper
23 case and a lower case "E/e"; and
24 wherein said rear indicia of said sixth playing piece of said
25 twenty-eight playing pieces is an upper case and a lower case "V/v".

- 1 14. The game as defined in claim 4, wherein said front indicia of a
2 seventh playing piece of said twenty-eight playing pieces is an
3 upper case and a lower case "F/f"; and
4 wherein said rear indicia of said seventh playing piece of said
5 twenty-eight playing pieces is an upper case and a lower case "U/u".
- 6 15. The game as defined in claim 4, wherein said front indicia of an
7 eighth playing piece of said twenty-eight playing pieces is an upper
8 case and a lower case "G/g"; and
9 wherein said rear indicia of said eighth playing piece of said
10 twenty-eight playing pieces is an upper case and a lower case "T/t".
- 11 16. The game as defined in claim 4, wherein said front indicia of a
12 ninth playing piece of said twenty-eight playing pieces is an upper
13 case and a lower case "H/h"; and
14 wherein said rear indicia of said ninth playing piece of said
15 twenty-eight playing pieces is an upper case and a lower case "S/s".
- 16 17. The game as defined in claim 4, wherein said front indicia of a
17 tenth playing piece of said twenty-eight playing pieces is an upper
18 case and a lower case "I/i"; and
19 wherein said rear indicia of said tenth playing piece of said
20 twenty-eight playing pieces is an upper case and a lower case "R/r".
- 21 18. The game as defined in claim 4, wherein said front indicia of an
22 eleventh playing piece of said twenty-eight playing pieces is an
23 upper case and a lower case "J/j"; and
24 wherein said rear indicia of said eleventh playing piece of said
25 twenty-eight playing pieces is an upper case and a lower case "Q/q".

- 1 19. The game as defined in claim 4, wherein said front indicia of a
2 twelfth playing piece of said twenty-eight playing pieces is an
3 upper case and a lower case "K/k"; and
4 wherein said rear indicia of said twelfth playing piece of said
5 twenty-eight playing pieces is an upper case and a lower case "P/p".
- 6 20. The game as defined in claim 4, wherein said front indicia of a
7 thirteenth playing piece of said twenty-eight playing pieces is an
8 upper case and a lower case "L/l"; and
9 wherein said rear indicia of said thirteenth playing piece of said
10 twenty-eight playing pieces is an upper case and a lower case "O/o".
- 11 21. The game as defined in claim 4, wherein said front indicia of a
12 fourteenth playing piece of said twenty-eight playing pieces is an
13 upper case and a lower case "M/m"; and
14 wherein said rear indicia of said fourteenth playing piece of said
15 twenty-eight playing pieces is an upper case and a lower case "N/n".
- 16 22. The game as defined in claim 4, wherein said front indicia and said
17 rear indicia of a fifteenth playing piece to a twenty-seventh
18 playing piece of said twenty-eight playing pieces are the reverse
19 of said front indicia and said rear indicia of a second playing
20 piece to a fourteenth playing piece of said twenty-eight playing
21 pieces, respectively.
- 22 23. The game as defined in claim 4, wherein said front indicia of a
23 fifteenth playing piece to a twenty-seventh playing piece of said
24 twenty-eight playing pieces are said rear indicia of a second
25 playing piece to a fourteenth playing piece of said twenty-eight
26 playing pieces, respectively; and
27 wherein said rear indicia of said fifteenth playing piece to said
28 twenty-seventh playing piece of said twenty-eight playing pieces are

1 said front indicia of said second playing piece to said fourteenth
2 playing piece of said twenty-eight playing pieces, respectively.

3 24. A method of playing a word-forming game for at least two players,
4 wherein the game has twenty-eight playing pieces, said method
5 comprising the steps of:

6 a) aligning the twenty-eight playing pieces, twenty-six in
7 alphabetical order and two "joker star", on a playing field,
8 between one player and an opponent player, so as to form
9 aligned playing pieces;

10 b) announcing, by a first player, so as to form an announced
11 first player, a word to be spelled from the aligned playing
12 pieces;

13 c) removing, by the announced first player, playing pieces from
14 the aligned playing pieces that spell the word announced, so
15 as to leave remaining aligned playing pieces;

16 d) determining, by a next player, if there are sufficient playing
17 pieces remaining in the remaining playing pieces to form
18 another word;

19 e) winning game by last player, if answer to step d) is no;

20 f) announcing, by the next player, so as to form an announced
21 next player, a word to be spelled from the remaining aligned
22 playing pieces, if answer to step d) is yes;

23 g) removing, by the announced next player, playing pieces of the
24 remaining aligned playing pieces that spell the word
25 announced, if step f) is carried out; and

26 h) returning to step d), if step g) is carried out.